

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A wire rope safety barrier for positioning along roads or between carriage ways for traffic in opposite directions, and incorporating a plurality of spaced apart posts, which are substantially vertically anchored in the road side or in a strip positioned between the carriage ways for traffic in opposite directions, which posts in a sliding manner supports a number of wire ropes, which wire ropes are spaced apart in vertical direction and are firmly anchored under pretension in end anchors fixedly positioned at opposite ends of the wire ropes outside the positions for the posts, the wire ropes being positioned in receiving means arranged in the posts, detachable cover means being positioned on top of said receiving means, the said posts and the said cover means having cooperating hooking means, preventing the cover means from being thrown off the posts following the impact, when a vehicle hits the wire rope safety barrier.

2. A wire rope safety barrier as claimed in claim 1, wherein each post has a top end and is provided with a substantially vertical slot opening at the top end, said slots forming the receiving means for the wire ropes.

3. A wire rope safety barrier as claimed in claim 1, wherein the wire ropes are positioned in the said wire rope receiving means, with spacing members positioned between two adjacent wire ropes.

4. A wire rope safety barrier as claimed in claim 2, wherein the cover means comprises a top cap positioned on top of the post, in a position closing off the upper opening of the slot.

5. A wire rope safety barrier as claimed in claim 4, wherein the post close to its top has an opening, and wherein the cover means has an inward projection adapted to enter in the opening at the top of the post, the said opening and the said projection together forming said cooperating hooking means.

6. A wire rope safety barrier as claimed in claim 5, wherein the projections are resilient.

7. A wire rope safety barrier as claimed in claim 5, wherein the cover means comprises a lid of plastic material having at least one resilient inward projection.

8. A wire rope safety barrier as claimed in claim 1, wherein the wire rope comprises a steel wire rope.

9. A wire rope safety barrier for positioning along roads or between carriage ways for traffic in opposite directions, and incorporating a plurality of spaced apart posts, which are substantially vertically anchored in the road side or in a strip positioned between the carriage ways for traffic in opposite directions, which posts in a sliding manner supports a wire ropes, which are spaced apart in vertical direction and are firmly anchored under pretension in end anchors fixedly positioned at opposite ends of the wire ropes outside the positions for the posts, the wire ropes being positioned in a receiving component arranged in the posts.

10. A wire rope safety barrier as claimed in claim 9, wherein the wire rope safety barrier comprises a steel wire rope safety barrier.